

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS20233**

This legislation corrects an oversight and would change the Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind's (IESDB) current status as a governmental entity back to the status of a state PERSI employer, only for purposes of PERSI participation. Prior to H1074, 2009 Session, IESDB was a state PERSI employer and all its employees were mandatory PERSI participants. However, that legislation changed IESDB to a governmental entity, but did not preserve the state PERSI employer status. The result was that as a governmental entity, IESDB must now negotiate a contract with PERSI and pay an actuarial entry cost (approximately \$15,000) as required by Idaho Code, to reinstate those same employees. This legislation would avoid those requirements and any interruption of employee benefits.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

This legislation avoids approximately \$15,000 in direct costs in addition to staff time or legal fees to negotiate a contract with PERSI.

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